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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 547

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 547, AS AMENDED,  
3 with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment No.  
4 1, on page 1, lines 4 and 5, by changing "Section 34-210" to  
5 "Sections 34-210, 34-225, and 34-230"; and

6 on page 1, line 13, by changing "January 1, 2014" to "October  
7 1, 2013"; and

8 on page 3, line 4, by changing "July 1, 2013" to "May 1, 2013";  
9 and

10 on page 4, by inserting after line 13 the following:

11 "(105 ILCS 5/34-225)

12 Sec. 34-225. School transition plans.

13 (a) If the Board approves a school action, the chief  
14 executive officer or his or her designee shall work

1 collaboratively with local school educators and families of  
2 students attending a school that is the subject of a school  
3 action to ensure successful integration of affected students  
4 into new learning environments.

5 (b) The chief executive officer or his or her designee  
6 shall prepare and implement a school transition plan to support  
7 students attending a school that is the subject of a school  
8 action that accomplishes the goals of this Section. The chief  
9 executive must identify and commit specific resources for  
10 implementation of the school transition plan for a minimum of  
11 the full first academic year after the board approves a school  
12 action.

13 (c) The school transition plan shall include the following:

14 (1) services to support the academic, social, and  
15 emotional needs of students; supports for students with  
16 disabilities, homeless students, and English language  
17 learners; and support to address security and safety  
18 issues;

19 (2) options to enroll in higher performing schools;

20 (3) informational briefings regarding the choice of  
21 schools that include all pertinent information to enable  
22 the parent or guardian and child to make an informed  
23 choice, including the option to visit the schools of choice  
24 prior to making a decision; and

25 (4) the provision of appropriate transportation where  
26 practicable.

1           (d) When implementing a school action, the Board must make  
2 reasonable and demonstrated efforts to ensure that:

3           (1) Affected students receive a comparable level of  
4 social support services provided by Chicago Public Schools  
5 that were available at the previous school, provided that  
6 the need for such social support services continue to  
7 exist; and

8           (2) Class sizes of any receiving school do not exceed  
9 those established under the Chicago Public Schools policy  
10 regarding class size, subject to principal discretion.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-473, eff. 1-1-12; 97-474, eff. 8-22-11;  
12 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

13 (105 ILCS 5/34-230)

14 Sec. 34-230. School action public meetings and hearings.

15 (a) By October ~~November~~ 1 of each year, the chief executive  
16 officer shall prepare and publish guidelines for school  
17 actions. The guidelines shall outline the academic and  
18 non-academic criteria for a school action. These guidelines  
19 shall be created with the involvement of local school councils,  
20 parents, educators, and community organizations. These  
21 guidelines, and each subsequent revision, shall be subject to a  
22 public comment period of at least 21 days before their  
23 approval.

24 (b) The chief executive officer shall announce all proposed  
25 school actions to be taken at the close of the current academic

1 year consistent with the guidelines by December 1 of each year.

2 (c) On or before December 1 of each year, the chief  
3 executive officer shall publish notice of the proposed school  
4 actions.

5 (1) Notice of the proposal for a school action shall  
6 include a written statement of the basis for the school  
7 action, an explanation of how the school action meets the  
8 criteria set forth in the guidelines, and a draft School  
9 Transition Plan identifying the items required in Section  
10 34-225 of this Code for all schools affected by the school  
11 action. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of  
12 the hearing or meeting.

13 (2) The chief executive officer or his or her designee  
14 shall provide notice to the principal, staff, local school  
15 council, and parents or guardians of any school that is  
16 subject to the proposed school action.

17 (3) The chief executive officer shall provide written  
18 notice of any proposed school action to the State Senator,  
19 State Representative, and alderman for the school or  
20 schools that are subject to the proposed school action.

21 (4) The chief executive officer shall publish notice of  
22 proposed school actions on the district's Internet  
23 website.

24 (5) The chief executive officer shall provide notice of  
25 proposed school actions at least 30 calendar days in  
26 advance of a public hearing or meeting. The notice shall

1 state the date, time, and place of the hearing or meeting.  
2 No Board decision regarding a proposed school action may  
3 take place less than 60 days after the announcement of the  
4 proposed school action.

5 (d) The chief executive officer shall publish a brief  
6 summary of the proposed school actions and the date, time, and  
7 place of the hearings or meetings in a newspaper of general  
8 circulation.

9 (e) The chief executive officer shall designate at least 3  
10 opportunities to elicit public comment at a hearing or meeting  
11 on a proposed school action and shall do the following:

12 (1) Convene at least one public hearing at the  
13 centrally located office of the Board.

14 (2) Convene at least 2 additional public hearings or  
15 meetings at a location convenient to the school community  
16 subject to the proposed school action.

17 (f) Public hearings shall be conducted by a qualified  
18 independent hearing officer chosen from a list of independent  
19 hearing officers. The general counsel shall compile and publish  
20 a list of independent hearing officers by November 1 of each  
21 school year. The independent hearing officer shall have the  
22 following qualifications:

23 (1) he or she must be a licensed attorney eligible to  
24 practice law in Illinois;

25 (2) he or she must not be an employee of the Board; and

26 (3) he or she must not have represented the Board, its

1 employees or any labor organization representing its  
2 employees, any local school council, or any charter or  
3 contract school in any capacity within the last year.

4 ~~(4)~~ The independent hearing officer shall issue a written  
5 report that summarizes the hearing and determines whether the  
6 chief executive officer complied with the requirements of this  
7 Section and the guidelines.

8 ~~(5)~~ The chief executive officer shall publish the report on  
9 the district's Internet website within 5 calendar days after  
10 receiving the report and at least 15 days prior to any Board  
11 action being taken.

12 (g) Public meetings shall be conducted by a representative  
13 of the chief executive officer. A summary of the public meeting  
14 shall be published on the district's Internet website within 5  
15 calendar days after the meeting.

16 (h) If the chief executive officer proposes a school action  
17 without following the mandates set forth in this Section, the  
18 proposed school action shall not be approved by the Board  
19 during the school year in which the school action was proposed.

20 (Source: P.A. 97-473, eff. 1-1-12; 97-474, eff. 8-22-11;  
21 97-813, eff. 7-13-12; revised 10-17-12.)".